

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Jamares Washington
TOMOAKI ENDO ET AL.	)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/756,773	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2334
Filed: January 14, 2004	)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS, INFORMATION	:	
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SYSTEM , AND STORAGE MEDIUM	)	
FOR STORING INFORMATION	:	
PROCESSING PROGRAM	)	January 23, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are presented in the listing starting at page 2; and
- remarks are presented starting at page 10.